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BILL JONES, Secretary of State
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EXECUTIVE ORDER W-182-98

WHEREAS, California's trillion dollar economy has become the powerhouse of the Pacific with economic growth outpacing the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, foreign trade is increasingly a vital component of California's economy with over 16 percent of its trillion dollar domestic product being exported to other countries; and

WHEREAS, the competitive nature of the global economy demands a reliable and durable transportation system that is essential to the efficient flow of commerce; and

WHEREAS, California's freight transportation system is operating at levels approaching peak capacity in many areas of the state, resulting in delivery delays and increased costs that could hinder California's competitiveness in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, local, state and federal planning and regulatory agencies often adopt duplicative, conflicting, or outmoded procedures and regulations that delay the development and expansion of commercial ports, rail yards, intermodal facilities and terminals that would contribute to employment and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order W-162-97 directed the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BT&H) Agency to develop a maritime policy that sets clear goals and objectives for the development and maintenance of required facilities to maintain the state's lead in offshore commerce activities and that will require increased coordination among local, state, federal and private sector officials in addressing planning, regulatory barriers and investment needs for maritime facilities; and

WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes the critical economic importance of its commercial ports and maritime activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETE WILSON, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, issue this order to become effective immediately:

- A. All state agencies shall promote and support efficient intermodal operations of California's major commercial ports including maritime activities consistent with prudent environmental sensitivity and minimal regulation and shall reflect this assistance in their respective annual plans. In carrying out these actions, all state agencies shall seek to achieve the following goals:

1. Provide assistance for maritime activities and the construction of major roads, highways, grade separations, and rail facilities that provide access to terminals and waterside improvements;
 2. Assist port authorities in obtaining required permits and public funds for dredging projects, consistent with state and federal environmental requirements;
 3. Assist port authorities in the acquisition of surplus federal property;
 4. Seek to streamline state and federal regulations and requirements and eliminate duplicative permit processes that inhibit port development and operational efficiency;
 5. Support the marketing of California's commercial ports to both domestic and international interests;
 6. Support the development and efficient operation of California's maritime commerce and encourage the development of maritime technology;
 7. Promote advanced education and training in maritime commerce and transportation.
- B. As the principal state agency for the development of statewide policies related to transporting people, goods and services throughout California, the BT&H Agency shall:
1. Facilitate the elimination of duplicative regulations and the streamlining of state and federal transportation regulations and transportation related permit processes that inhibit commercial port development and the efficient movement of goods and services to and through these facilities and to this end shall conduct a review of transportation regulations and permit processes and prepare recommended changes by December 31, 1998;
 2. Identify congested access points to commercial ports and bottlenecks along Inter-Regional Corridors of Economic Significance and, in partnership with the California Transportation Commission, regional transportation planning agencies, local and county governments, trade unions and the private sector, develop a statewide investment strategy to create a more efficient freight movement network. To that end, priorities for addressing the state's freight transportation system bottlenecks shall be reflected in the State Transportation Improvement Program;
 3. Assist commercial port authorities to acquire surplus federal property necessary for efficient freight operations. The BT&H Agency shall consult with the commercial ports and determine the status of their efforts to obtain surplus federal property and prepare a program to advocate for acquisition in cooperation with the ports;
 4. Assist the state's major commercial ports to obtain funding and necessary permits for dredging activities. The BT&H Agency shall consult with the commercial ports and determine the status of efforts to obtain dredging permits and funding and, in cooperation with the ports, prepare a program to advocate for authority to proceed and for the funds necessary to complete the work;
 5. Serve as a general advocate for commercial ports. The Secretary shall designate a senior member of his staff to serve as an advocate for the interests of the commercial ports. The designation of an advocate shall be made known to the ports; and
 6. Coordinate with the Office of Spill Prevention and Response within the Department of Fish and Game to improve navigational safety.

- C. The Trade and Commerce Agency is hereby designated the principal state agency to assist local authorities in marketing California's port facilities and to coordinate their efforts to stimulate commercial opportunities in foreign and domestic trade.
- D. The secretary for the BT&H agency shall annually report to the Governor on the progress the state has made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Maritime Policy and implementing the ports Executive Order.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be
affixed this 28th day of August 1998.

Pete Wilson

Governor of California

ATTEST:

Bill Jones

Secretary of State